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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O.: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR MCHENRY

REF USUN 2052(NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT ITINERARY FOR AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S TRIP TO SOUTHERN AFRICA: (AMBASSADOR MCHENRY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JIM NACH, AF/S.)

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MONDAY, MAY 22: DEPART JFK AT 2045 (PA 201/515)

TUESDAY, MAY 23: ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG AT 2135

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24: DEPART JOHANNESBURG AT 0710 (SA 701)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24: ARRIVE WINDHOEK AT 1015

THURSDAY, MAY 25: DEPART WINDHOEK AT 1000 (SA 766)

THURSDAY, MAY 25: ARRIVE CAPE TOWN AT 1150

ALL TIMES LOCAL.

- 2. WE HAVE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED OTHER STOPS BUT COMMERCIAL AIRLINES SCHEDULES MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE WITHIN TIME CONSTRAINTS. SPECIFICALLY, TRIP MUST BE PLANNED TO ENABLE MCHENRY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR FRONT LINE SUMMIT WHICH KAUNDA INTENDS TO CALL AS SOON AS HE RETURNS. NO DATE FOR SUMMIT HAS BEEN SET BUT KAUNDA RETURNS TO LUSAKA ON 24TH AND OUR GUESS IS THAT THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT MIGHT BE MAY 27-28 IN LUSAKA.
- 3. SCHEDULE FROM CAPE TOWN IS UNCERTAIN. IF SUMMIT IS HELD NEXT WEEKEND, AMBASSADOR MCHENRY WOULD NEED TO BE IN LUSAKA IN TIME FOR ITS START. WE SEE NO WAY OF GETTING FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO LUSAKA EASILY ON SCHEDULED AIRLINES ONLY POSSIBILITY IS VIA NAIROBI. WE, THEREFORE, WONDER WHETHER THE DATT AIRCRAFT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THAT EVENTUALITY.
- 4. FOR CAPE TOWN: AS YOU KNOW, THIS TRIP IS IN PART DESIGNED TO IMPRESS UPON SOUTH AFRICAN AND NAMIBIAN PUBLIC THE EXTENT TO WHICH SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIONS (ESPECIALLY THE CASSINGA RAID) HAVE AFFECTED THE SETTLEMENT EFFORTS AND THE RESULTING NEED TO TRY TO RESTORE A CLIMATE IN WHICH AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED. WITH THIS IN MIND WE SUGGEST THAT YOU GO AHEAD WITH WHATEVER MEDIA AND PUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL

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APPEARANCES IN CAPE TOWN AND WINDHOEK YOU DEEM DESIRABLE. (YOU MAY ASSUME THAT MCHENRY WILL BE IN CAPE TOWN FROM NOON THURSDAY, MAY 25, UNTIL NOON FRIDAY, MAY 26. AS PLANS DEVELOP FOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON ON, WE HOPE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO WORK IN SOMETHING WITH THE PRESS IN JOHANNESBURG.) ALSO REQUEST INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF DATT AIRCRAFT FOR POSSIBLE FLIGHT ON PM MAY 26 OR AM MAY 27 FROM JOHANNESBURG TO LUSAKA.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR USE OF DATT AIRCRAFT FOR POSSIBLE FLIGHT DESCRIBED ABOVE. LEONARD

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